

(a) whether there is an urgent need to strengthen the Fishery Co-operatives in order to promote fishing in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by National Co-operative Development Corporation and Central Board for Fisheries to promote Co-operative fishery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) started promoting fishery cooperatives since 1974. NCDC has developed Specific patterns of assistance for promoting various activities of fisheries cooperatives (the quantum of which ranges from 75% to 100% for different activities.) It also provides funds to State Governments at concessional rates (12% in cooperatively underdeveloped and least developed States/ Union Territories and 12.5% in the cooperatively developed states), helps formulation of proposals for individual societies as well as integrated fisheries development projects covering various districts and arrange funds from international agencies like EEC, World Bank etc. for promoting fisheries cooperatives in the country. NCDC provides assistance to fisheries cooperatives, amongst others, for the following purposes:

1. Purchase of operational inputs such as fishing boats, nets and engines.
2. Creation of infrastructural facilities for marketing (transport vehicles, cold storages, retail outlets etc.)
3. Establishment of processing units, including ice plants, cold storages etc.
4. Development of Inland Fisheries, seed farms, hatcheries etc.

5. Preparation of feasibility reports.
6. Appointment of Experts under Technical & Promotional Cell Scheme.
7. Integrated Fisheries Projects (Marine, Inlands & Brackishwater). Up to 31.3.92, NCDC has sanctioned an assistance of Rs. 174.790 crores and released Rs. 70.643 crores for development of fisheries cooperatives in various states and Union Territories.

#### **LPG Cylinder Plans**

6799. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to set up some LPG cylinder manufacturing plants during the Eighth Five Plan period;

(b) if so, the locations where these plants are proposed to be set up; and

(c) the target set for manufacturing LPG cylinders during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLIEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No targets have been set.

#### **[Translation]**

#### **Entry of Multi-national Companies in Dairy Industries**

6800. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:

SHRI V.S. VIJAYAR-  
AGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some multi-national companies are seeking permission to set up dairy industries in the country;

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the dairy industries are likely to be affected as a result of entry of these companies; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to safeguard our industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir. There is no pending proposal for foreign collaboration either from any foreign company or an Indian applicant.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### **Special Aircraft for VIPS**

6801. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times special aircraft have been used by the members of the Union Cabinet, excluding Prime Minister for domestic visits during the last six months;

(b) the names of the ministers given permission for the use of special aircraft; and

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M.

JACOB): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

#### **Drilling of Oil and Gas wells on coast of Bay of Bengal**

6802. DR. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of oil and gas wells drilled under PY2 offshore at Portonova on the Coast of Bay of Bengal, and

(b) the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) and (b). One well on PY-2 structure was drilled which proved to be dry.

#### **Production of Paddy Varieties**

6803. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the varieties of paddy grown in the country at present;

(b) the yield per acre of these varieties; and

(c) the varieties of paddy which have been successful in increasing the production of rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The varieties of paddy grown in the country at present can be classified as under:

(i) local/traditional paddy varieties.